

Outdoor Report

The week of February 16th, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

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- Caution is still needed due to the deteriorating ice, especially around ice heaves, open water and near springs. Anglers are strongly urged to avoid these areas altogether.
 - The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14th – May 3rd, statewide. Pamphlets are now available at the GFP offices and license agents.
 - Anglers are reminded that all fish houses, shelters and other structures must be removed from the ice by midnight on Feb. 28th, 2015. Fish houses, shelters and other structures may be used after Feb. 28th, 2015, but must be removed from the ice on a daily basis.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching a few small walleye and the occasional bluegill. The ice conditions have improved, but there are still some weak ice areas by the west and north bridges. Anglers who have been fishing by the Youth Camp have had the best success.

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching northern pike, perch, crappie and walleye. The fishing has been inconsistent. Most of the walleye being caught are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. Most fishermen have been fishing the south end of the lake.

James River: The fishing has been slow. Fishermen need to be careful as the ice is very weak in some areas. Some anglers have been fishing on the state line bridge and by Sand Lake.

Elm River: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: There are good numbers of coyotes in Brown County. Coyote hunting is a good way to pass the winter months, especially since all other hunting seasons have closed.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few perch, walleye and northern pike. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave on the north side of the lake.

Dry Lake #1: The perch and walleye bite has slowed down, but fishermen are still catching a few fish. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave at the southwest portion of the lake.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye towards evening.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and perch.

Antelope Lake: Little activity.

Reid Lake: Little activity.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching walleye. The walleye are on the smaller side with a few nicer fish being caught.

Pepper Slough: Little activity.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few perch and walleye.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye, perch and the occasional northern pike.

Cottonwood: Fishermen are catching a few perch and northern pike.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: Fishing activity was very slow again this past week.

Lake Kampeska: Fishing has been pretty good on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting catching a few perch and crappie.

Dry Lake: Anglers have had decent luck catching walleye on the road beds at night, as well as some nice sized northern pike.

Goose Lake: Anglers have experienced a good perch bite with perch ranging from 6 to 9 inches. There were a few walleye being caught in the early evening hours.

Long Lake: Anglers are reporting catching a few small walleye, but overall, it's a slow bite.

Blythe Slough: Anglers reporting some perch, but the bite has been pretty slow.

Grass Lake: No angler reports.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

Horseshoe: There are a few anglers trying their luck and picking up a few perch. The bite is slow.

Stink: A few small perch are being caught.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Fishing pressure was minimal with anglers struggling to catch many perch or walleye.

Waubay: Anglers pressure and success was down from last weekend. Most anglers are still using the Kanago boat ramp to access the lake.

Reetz: Anglers are catching some nice perch during daylight hours and a few nice walleye during the overnight hours. **Reminder: there is a 28 inch minimum on walleye with a daily limit of one.**

Lynn: Anglers are catching some nice walleyes in the overnight hours.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few bluegill, crappie and walleye.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Fishing has been average at times. Anglers have been finding a good number of small perch. There has been some walleye activity in the very early morning and late afternoon hours. The northern pike bite has been really good. Anglers have been having good success spearing northern pike on the east end of the lake.

Lake Cochrane: The perch bite continues to be good throughout the day. Most of the perch are small, but there has been some larger perch mixed in. A few crappies are being caught in the late afternoon hours.

Lake Oliver: No activity.

Lake Francis: Little to no activity.

Lake Ketchum: Anglers are catching a lot of small perch.

Clear Lake: No activity.

Fish Lake: Fishing has been slow.

School: Anglers are catching some northern pike in the shallow water.

Round: No activity.

Bullhead: Fishing has been slow.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: Fishing activity is slow.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Perch fishing continues to be slow. Anglers are marking a lot of fish, but are struggling to get the fish to bite. Fishermen are moving around a lot trying to find the fish. The anglers continue to utilize the entire lake trying to key in on the fish. A few walleye are being caught on the far north end, but overall the bite has been slow.

Summit Lake: No activity.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Slow activity at Poinsett the last week. Most people are fishing the southern part of the lake near the state park. The walleye bite has been minimal.

Fedt Slough: Pretty active bite on small perch.

Three Buck: The perch bite was quite active with 5 to 7 inch perch being caught along with some walleye. This is a great lake to get the kids out on to catch some fish.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Another slow week on Clear with no fish being reported.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: A few walleye are being caught in the morning and evening, but overall, slow.

Cattail: Good walleye bite off the main lake points after dark.

South Buffalo: The pan fish bite is very good, and localized anglers who are putting in the time to find the fish are doing very well. Anglers in search of pike are using tip ups and moving regularly in search of nice sized fish.

Piyas: Slow with very little angler activity.

Roy: A few perch and northern have been caught, but overall, slow.

Clear: Slow.

White: A few crappies are being caught in the morning and evening.

West Stink: Some walleye being caught but things have slowed down.

Stink Slough: Some very nice perch have been caught. The anglers putting in their time have found a few fish, but overall, slow.

Clubhouse Slough: Anglers are still catching a few limits of perch, but the bite has slowed down significantly.

South Red Iron: A few northern are being caught with the occasional walleye.

Cottonwood: Great northern bite along with the occasional walleye.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing has slowed down with very little activity.

Mina Lake: Anglers are picking up a few perch and bluegill. Fishing is slow, but anglers are getting a few bites. Evenings are the best time.

Eureka Lake: Anglers are catching a few perch. Fishing is slow, but anglers fishing all day will end up with a few perch.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: Hunters looking for coyotes will find plenty in this area. Most landowners will allow access to hunt coyotes.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Anglers are finding an occasional walleye and perch. A few white bass are also being caught.

Dry Wood Lake: Activity is slow.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: The walleye bite is fairly slow. The best bite is early morning and evening after sunset. Some of the walleyes being caught are 18 inches, but most are less than 15 inches.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity observed.

Cottonwood Lake: The walleye success has been minimal. The only access that is useable is along Highway 26 on the west side of the lake. All other accesses have large ice heaves blocking them.

Redfield Lake: There has been minimal fishing activity. Reports have been heard about a few nice sized crappies coming out during the day.